

**Weekly Bulletin**  
**St. Aloysius and St. Columban Bulletin**  
**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 21/22, 2020**

Reading I	Ezekiel 34.11-12, 15-17
Responsorial Psalm:	The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
Reading II	1 Corinthians 15.20-26, 28
Gospel:	Mark 11.9, 10

**ST. ALOYSIUS COLLECTION**

**November 15: Regular Collection:** \$627.25

The monthly financial reports (previous 2 months) are posted on the bulletin boards at the front and side entrances of the church for your perusal.

**MASS Intentions:**

Sat. Nov. 21	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Joe Connelly by Phyllis Mulcahey
Sun. Nov. 22	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For John Cook by Michelle Cook Warden and Family
Wed. Nov. 25	9:15 a.m.	For all parishioners
Sat. Nov. 28	4:30 p.m.	(St. Columban) For Kevin, Angus & Mina Burns By Gail Burns
Sun. Nov. 29	11:00 a.m.	(St. Aloysius) For David Whitworth by Lorraine 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass for Pat Lambert by Moe and Family

**SPECIAL COLLECTION: December 6th:** Development and Peace

**Message from the Finance Warden**

As we approach the final 2 months of the calendar year, a unique year in many ways, I wanted to provide you with an update on our finances. As expected, our budget targets are significantly off as a result of the pandemic restrictions imposed on mass attendance and reduced collection opportunities over the past 7 months. Also, revenue from short term hall rentals and social events has been curtailed due to the pandemic. We have reduced some of our expenses but must maintain the majority of fixed costs to provide services to the parish and remain open. At this point, our overall revenues are projected to be below our expected expenses for the year by about fifteen to twenty thousand dollars (\$15,000-\$20,000). We have approached the provincial government for some additional financial assistance of up to \$1,500 which is promising and expected soon. However, it will not cover the expected deficit. With a couple of months still ahead in the year, uncertain as they may be in terms of continued restrictions, I am hopeful that our community can provide additional financial support to help minimize the projected deficit. If you are able to provide additional support, please do so by dropping off your contributions at mass on Sunday, the office during the week, or provide an on-line donation via the diocesan web site. Income tax receipts will be provided for all contributions. Thank you.

Jim Brownrigg.

## Christ the King

It was Pope Pius XI who brought the feast of Christ the King into the Liturgy in 1925. His intention is to bring Christ, His rule and Christian values back into the lives of Christians, into the society and into politics. The feast is also a reminder to all powers and authorities that Jesus is the only Sovereign King. It challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each other with love, mercy and compassion as Jesus did. In the first reading, the Prophet Ezekiel compares Israel to a flock with all the sheep scattered. He therefore presents God as a Shepherd who will Himself lead the flock, gather them once again from all the places they have been scattered and lead them to the grazing grounds of the mountains. In the second reading, St. Paul presents Christ as the all-powerful ruler-king who raises the dead and to whom every form of power and authority must submit. All the powers of evil will be destroyed so that the kingdom of the Messiah will be fully attained.

The Gospel describes Christ the King coming in His heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our good shepherd leading, feeding and healing His sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care. In this parable, every one to whom we give ourselves, whether hungry, thirsty, or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison is seen as the image of the risen Lord. The presence of Jesus is hidden among the poor and the vulnerable. Where their needs are recognised, Jesus is acknowledged. Their vulnerability is His vulnerability. Jesus is present where human need is greatest. A few weeks ago, the Gospel spoke about two commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. Today's Gospel tells us that the two are but one, because what is done to a human person is done to God. For Jesus, what happens in the world of the familiar has an eternity of importance about it. Our little acts of kindness have eternal significance. Human graciousness and charity are ground enough for welcome into the fullness of the kingdom.

Those who are blessed are not conscious of having done any special service to Jesus. We are not always aware of the good we might be doing. We do not know how significant our actions are for others or how much our presence means to them. The blessed in the parable have responded with mercy to those in need, without any great thought beyond that response. Only at the end of their lives did they realize that their ordinary simple acts of kindness and consideration were in fact serving the Lord of glory. In attending to the ordinary, they were also engaging with the eternal. The love we have for our brothers and sisters is the measure of our love for God. Whoever does not cooperate in the construction of the Messiah's kingdom has no right to be called a Christian. The Gospel therefore challenges us to see the broken body of Christ in the brokenness and the woundedness of those we see around us. Christ still suffers in the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. To pay attention to them is pay attention to the broken body of Christ and to be welcomed as blessed of God. Those who are cursed bring the doom upon themselves because they failed to respond to simple human needs. The solemnity of Christ the King is not just the conclusion of the Church year; it is also a summary of our lives as Christians. On this great feast, let us resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives and obey His commandment of Love. Happy Sunday!

## Help us help our sisters and brothers in the Global South!



The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity. There will be a collection in our parish on **December 6th**. You can also make a donation online. Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle

East! To learn more about the Recovering Together campaign, please contact: Louise MacMillan 819 643-1156 or visit the D&P website: <https://www.devp.org/en>

### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER**

Roger Seguin

- 23<sup>rd</sup>

Diane Cyr & Keith May

- 28<sup>th</sup>

Paul Luc Lalonde

- 30<sup>th</sup>



Michael Lalonde

- 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish: Rita Lacelle, Ron and Paulette Pearce, Filipe Garrido, Adeline Gendron, Roger Seguin, Phyllis Seguin and Peter Simard.

### **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE – St. Al's and St. Columban**



The annual Christmas food drive has started. Please feel free to donate canned food, pickles, pasta, rice, toothpaste, laundry detergent, etc. We will be collecting specifically for the Christmas food baskets up to December 17, but please continue to donate throughout the year. Thank you for your cooperation in bringing a Merry Christmas to the less fortunate in our community.

### **ANGEL TREE CAMPAIGN**



Soon you will see a tree at the back of the church with pink and blue angels on it. This tree represents the children that are helped with our Christmas Baskets. Each angel is a child that we help, showing their age on the back. We include a gift for each of them in our food baskets. We would appreciate if you would take one or two angels home and buy a gift for them. Please wrap the gift and have it returned to the parish by December 16th. You may leave them at the back of the church or bring them to the office. Please do not include your name on the gift and make sure the angel tab is attached on the outside. Thank you for your support.

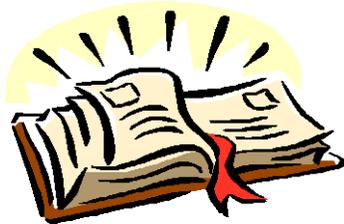
The Charitable Fund

**A HEALTHY WAY to spend a Thursday morning.**



Diane Joanisse who is offering another way to join in on some exercising, good company and fun. She is hosting a Thursday morning exercise class at 10:00 am. She is offering her expertise to teach cardio exercises as well as body sculpting. Exercises are geared to all levels and everyone is welcome. A one-time registration on our web site at NEWS EVENTS is all that is required.

**A MIND-OPENING way to spend a Monday evening.**



Pauline Leduc is hosting a Monday evening at 7:pm session on Reflection on Scriptures. The participants are asked to read over the scriptures for the up-coming Sunday. Everyone is asked to take a few minutes to really reflect on what is written. The discussions that follow are very heartfelt and mind opening. We are finding that each participant, when celebrating the mass the following Sunday, listens to and understands the homily more meaningfully. Join us by Registering on our web site. <http://www.staloysius-stcolumban.com/newsevents>